

SPIRITS AND HARRY

By GRACE JENNINGS.

When Harry Fenton opened a law office in the metropolis he encouraged himself with the statement he had once read that the average lawyer's income was in the neighborhood of three thousand dollars. That was all right, but it omitted to add that the colossal incomes of the leading lights swelled the average; in other words, that this income was distributed among the profession very irregularly indeed.

Three months and three clients had begun to raise in his mind serious problems as to his winter's office rent when, one morning, the prettiest girl that he had ever seen entered his little place.

"What can I do for you, madam?" asked the man, bewildered both by the apparition and by the melancholy thought that he could not charge a pretty girl as much as he would charge her father.

"You are a lawyer, are you not?" asked the girl, sitting down and looking helplessly at him. "I wanted—I wanted to go to an unknown lawyer. You see, I am well-known about here. My father is a lawyer."

"You have come to the right place, madam," said Harry grimly.

"Well, it's like this," said the girl. "My father married late in life. He is nearly eighty now, and he has fallen into the power of a dreadful woman—Madame Charmeuse, the Medium."

"Who advertises in the Sunday papers?"

"Yes. She claims to put him in communication with his wife—my step-mother, you know—by automatic writing. My mother died when I was born, and father married again, and his second wife died, and—well, last night both of them wrote to him."

Out of the girl's incoherence Harry gathered the following facts: His visitor's name was Lucy Lawrence, and her father had been a noted lawyer in his day. He had begun to investigate Spiritualism, and the "Medium" had begun to send the old man notes, in



"My Wife's Writing!"

automatic writing, instructing him to leave all his money to her, instead of to his daughter. The old man, who was shrewd enough in other ways, had shown reluctance to comply with his second wife's wishes. Whereupon the spirit of the first wife, the girl's mother, had appended her name to a similar communication, stating in positive terms that no money was to be left to her daughter, since her nature needed to be developed through poverty.

"And if you can help me in some way I shall be so grateful," pleaded the girl. "It isn't that I want the money. But it is terrible that my father's fortune should go to that horrible Charmeuse woman, a dreadful greedy impostor."

"Have you any letter that your mother ever wrote?" asked the young man.

The girl reflected. "Yes. Father showed her one of mother's letters once," she answered. "I believe I can get it for you."

"One more question. Is it possible for you to bring me to one of these seances?" asked Harry.

"Why, of course," replied the girl. "Father is delighted to have people brought, if he thinks he can convince them. Only, you see the Charmeuse woman is too cunning to write those communications when anyone else is there."

She brought Harry the letter the following day, and it was arranged that he should call the next evening at the house, where a seance was to be held.

He could not avoid some trepidation when he was shown into the room. Mr. Lawrence, the old lawyer, was seated in his chair, and near him, a creature in a black frizzled wig with a pair of singularly penetrating grey eyes which, turned on him, appraising him at once that the Charmeuse was on guard, and that there would be no "communications" worth mentioning that evening.

"Father, this is my friend Mr. Fenton, who is anxious to study spiritu-

istic phenomena," said the girl, introducing Harry.

"I am pleased to meet you, sir," said the deluded old man, rising and extending his hand warmly. "Madame Charmeuse, permit me to present Mr. Fenton. Yes, sir, we are in a position to know beyond doubt that the dead return, to manifest themselves by the hand of the living. You are acquainted with automatism?"

"Not yet," said Harry. "It is not likely that you yourself will receive a communication at first," said Mr. Lawrence. "It takes time to make the spirits aware that you are here. But if you concentrate hard you may assure yourself that you will draw pure spirits down to these earth-bound regions—but let us begin," he ended, taking his seat at a small table.

The "Medium" followed suit with poor grace, and a sheet of paper having been placed under her hand, and a pencil beside it, the lights were turned down.

It was creepy—Harry acknowledged that. But the thought of Miss Lucy had somehow become an inspiration to him. He felt that he must save her fortune from the grasp of the harpy opposite him. Once his hand met hers and he ventured a silent pressure of good-will. He thought it was returned before the girl drew hers away.

"I'm going into a trance," announced Madame Charmeuse. "I'm going—going—hello folks!"

The last was in a thin, squeaky voice which made Harry jump in his chair.

"That's Joey, the Indian boy," explained Mr. Fenton. "He always comes to announce who is present."

"We can't do much tonight," said Joey. "The spirits won't write. They say there's an unbelieving presence here which is antagonistic to their success."

"Isn't either of my wives there?" asked Mr. Lawrence.

"Yes, they're both here, but they say they can't write," said Joey.

"Dear me, I am sorry I am antagonistic," said Harry.

"You get out!" squeaked Joey.

"You've got no business here, and you know it."

"Papa, perhaps it would be better to turn up the lights," said Lucy quickly. And the lights, turned up, showed Madame Charmeuse just coming out of her doze.

"Did anybody come?" inquired the woman.

"No," answered the old lawyer. "The influences were antagonistic. Joey said they couldn't—"

"What's this?" cried Harry, snatching up the paper under the "Medium's" hand.

There certainly was writing on it. "My wife's writing!" exclaimed old Mr. Lawrence, holding up the paper to the gas. "Dear husband," he read. "I write to tell you to leave all your money to Lucy. The spirits that told you not to were lying spirits using my name. Don't give them any further chance, but compare my handwriting with theirs."

"Good Lord!" muttered Mr. Lawrence, staring in amazement at the writing, as the "Medium" slipped quietly out of the room, pausing only long enough to make a threatening gesture at Harry.

"How can I ever thank you?" asked Lucy six weeks later. "Father has taken the message to heart and he believes Madame Charmeuse has evil spirits and won't see her again. And you have done all this."

"You can repay me amply," Harry answered. "You see, that case I got unexpectedly for the Langbury Corporation has encouraged me to suggest that—do you prefer gold or platinum, dear?"

And Lucy said gold.

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WHAT EVERY HOME NEEDS

Beautiful Things Need Not Be Expensive, but They Should Be Selected With Great Care.

A few simple bits of pottery whose quiet tones are carefully selected to harmonize with the scheme of the room in which they are to remain, and whose shapes are proportioned and designed for holding flowers, are what every household needs. Hand-some brass and copper will often do much toward brightening some gloomy corner of a room and create splendid effects when filled with masses of green or some bold flowers. When purchasing a collection of bowls and vases in which to place flowers, one might take note of those chosen by a person of excellent judgment in such matters.

Plain glass vases, medium tall and flaring, and having heavy bases, make excellent holders for sweet peas; Spanish pottery suits well the rich colors of nasturtiums and geraniums; cylindrical vases and dull colors are appropriate for holding hollyhocks and branches that have woody stalks. Mexican bowls in their full color enhance the loveliness of chrysanthemums. Goldenrod is very beautiful when placed in tall earthen vases, and combines beautifully with sweet fern, which is also plumelike and makes a suitable background for it.

Electroplating Mirrors.

A new method of silvering mirrors consists of depositing the metal on the glass by means of a high potential electric current. A plate of metal is placed against the glass; these are laid flat on a table and the air above them is exhausted to a high degree of vacuum. Then a small quantity of hydrogen gas is introduced and the current is turned on through a negative pole attached to the metal plate. In 30 seconds the glass has been silvered.

SOME KITCHEN KINKS

METHODS THAT MAY BE NEW TO MANY HOUSEWIVES.

Tiles Always Best When One Can Afford Them—Keeping the Dish-cloth Fresh—Linoleum for the Floor Covering.

Tiles are so clean and nice if one is able to afford them. The young wife who has them will never regret the outlay, although they are rather expensive at the start. Round the kitchen walls they are splendid and most hygienic in every way.

The back of the sink is bound to get splashed with the washing up after each meal. Therefore here it is essential to have either tiles or zinc or something of the kind through which the water cannot penetrate. Zinc answers the purpose quite well if securely nailed flat against the wall. This is easily cleaned daily with a little dry brickdust.

The tiles, of course, are ideal, as all they need is a washdown with warm water daily.

A little enamel basket is so useful in the sink for tea leaves and such things which are more than likely to go down the sink and eventually stop it up. It is shaped so that it fits into the corner of the sink, perforated with holes, so that all liquid passes away, leaving the solid bodies in the basket.

Nothing is more unpleasant than a greasy dishcloth. To keep this important article fresh and sweet, it should be scalded each time after use, or else washed out thoroughly in hot water and rinsed well in several waters.

A plate rack fixed above the sink is a great saving of labor. Plates put in the rack must be rinsed in cold water after being washed in hot, if you do not want them to be smudged.

When roasting meat, use a double meat tin. Put cold water in the under one. This prevents the dripping burning and also keeps it from boiling away.

Plenty of hot water is essential for dish washing. Collect all the silver. Place the knives blade downward in a jug of hot water. Pile up the plates neatly. A little arrangement saves the middle one so often sees in connection with washing up. Wash all the cleanest things first to save the water. Rinse glass in cold water after washing in hot and polish well with a dry, clean cloth.

The most useful and healthy floor covering for the kitchen is linoleum. Inlaid linoleum is the best to purchase. Here the pattern goes right through and therefore will be perfect to the last.

Clean your windows when the sun is not shining, for if the sun shines on a wet window no amount of rubbing will prevent it from being streaky when dry. Avoid a frosty day, too, as the glass is apt to break easily then. Dust the windows thoroughly. Wash the glass with a sponge wrung out in tepid water with a few drops of ammonia in it. Dry with a clean cloth (with no fluff on it). Polish with pads of newspaper.

The Cook Says.

If your market basket or clothes basket of willow shows a few loose ends, put it to soak for twenty minutes or half an hour in lukewarm water.

A good way to do is to put the basket into the bathtub, resting it on the part that is to be repaired, then turn in enough water to soak this part. The important thing is to get the willow ends soft and pliable.

When this is accomplished the strips can be readily bent back into place, and if you push them in firmly, they will stay in place when dry. Never try to bend the willow strips while they are dry, as they will be sure to snap off.

A putty knife, with its short handle and broad blade, is an indispensable tool in the kitchen. It can be used for turning hash, fritters and fish. Its broad end is also most useful in scraping pots and pans.

Grease Spots on Woolen Clothing.

For removing greasy spots on black woolen clothing the following is excellent: Make a solution of borax and warm water and wash the soiled article in it, then rinse in clear water and dry in the sun. This is a good way to clean men's coat collars.

To Wash White Silk.

Add a tablespoonful of ammonia to every two quarts of warm water. Don't use soap. Dip garment up and down, and when it looks clean place in clean water, rinse and iron before dry.

To Clean Copper.

Copper articles that have become discolored can be made to look new again by rubbing them with lemon dipped in salt and afterward rinsing in clear hot water and polishing with a soft cloth.

When Boiling Milk.

When boiling milk, if a few spoonfuls of water is put into the saucepan, first letting it boil rapidly for a few minutes before the milk is added, the milk will not burn, however hot the fire may be.

To Keep Silver Bright.

To keep silver bright that is not in use, lay a piece of gum camphor in the drawer or box in which the silver is kept, and you will find that the silver will not require so much polishing.

LOCAL JOTTINGS

Dr. G. F. Youngs of South Haven was in Paw Paw Wednesday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Youngs. He found his father, who is in declining health, to be in good spirits and somewhat improved.

Edward DeHaven returned Friday from a six weeks' sojourn in Mt. Pleasant and Nodaway, Iowa. He reports a delightful time visiting relatives.

The United States Department of Labor, acting through the medium of the post office, is now prepared to assist those who are in need of employment, and also those who are in search of employees. Application blanks may be secured at the post office for the asking.

The Odd Fellows had some time last Friday evening when they entertained about 30 members of the craft from Lawton. They also had, as guest of honor, Fred Rogers of Reading, who is the grand secretary of Michigan. A pot-luck supper was served and all did justice to the same. Mr. Rogers was a guest of his old friend, Harry McNeil.

The Van Buren county Double Red Cross society met here last Friday at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Hoyt. A new constitution and a set of by-laws were adopted and it was voted to have a Red Cross nurse in the county by next October. They adjourned to meet in Hartford May 6.

Capt. O. W. Rowland has been commissioned as aide-de-camp on the staff of the commander-in-chief of the G. A. R. He received his official badge and commission a few days ago. Headquarters are in the state house at Des Moines, Iowa. The appointment will hold good until the next national encampment, which will be held in Washington, D. C.

OBITUARY

Mrs. John Ryan, for many years residing on a farm on the brow of gravel hill between Paw Paw and Lawrence, died at Borgess hospital last Wednesday. The funeral services were held here at St. Mary's church last Saturday forenoon. Mrs. Ryan was an aunt of Mrs. C. L. Young, Jr., and had many friends and relatives living here.

Expensive Girl.

"Lizzie writes that she has joined a sorority at college," said Mrs. Dawker.

"That means one of two things," growled Mr. Dawker. "More books or more clothes to buy."

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Chancery Notice.

State of Michigan, the Circuit Court for the County of Van Buren, in chancery. Jessie M. Van Auker, complainant, vs. Elmer Van Auker, defendant.

Suit pending in the Circuit Court for the county of Van Buren, in chancery, at the village of Paw Paw, in said county, on the 29th day of January, A. D. 1915.

In this cause it appearing from affidavit on file, that the defendant, Elmer Van Auker, is concealed within the state of Michigan.

On motion of Thos. J. Cavanaugh, complainant's solicitor, it is ordered that the said defendant, Elmer Van Auker, cause his appearance to be entered herein within three months from the date of this order and in case of his appearance that he cause his answer to the complainant's bill of complaint to be filed and a copy thereof to be served on said complainant's solicitor within twenty days after service on him of a copy of said bill and notice of this order; and that in default thereof, said bill be taken as confessed by the said non-resident defendant.

And it is further ordered that within twenty days the said complainant cause a notice of this order to be published in The True Northerner, a newspaper printed, published and circulated in said county, and that such publication be continued therein at least once in each week for six weeks in succession, or that he cause a copy of this order to be personally served on said non-resident defendant at least twenty days before the time above prescribed for his appearance.

L. BURGET DES VOIGNES, Circuit Judge.

THOS. J. CAVANAUGH, Solicitor for Complainants, 317 Business address Paw Paw, Michigan

When Things Are Darkest. When you get into a tight place and everything goes against you till it seems as if you couldn't hold on a minute longer, never give up then, for that's just the time and place that the tide will turn.—Harriet Beecher Stowe.

Daily Thought. Take note of the hour ere it slips past; so seldom does the moment come which is truly fateful and great.—Schiller.

Russian Sport. Russian horses are good racers on turf, but during the long winters when sport is wanted they are shod with a special kind of light shoes with sharp calks and raced on the ice. It is said that their speed is often astonishing.

Something to Forget. The man who knows all about women should forget it if he values his own peace of mind.—Atlanta Journal.

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